

Aide Sees JFK Losses In House

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Presidential Assistant, Kenneth O'Donnell said yesterday it would be a miracle, and a great victory for President Kennedy, if the Republicans fail to increase their strength in Congress in the Nov. 6 elections.

In an interview on the CBS-WTOP television program "Washington Report," he predicted the Democrats would not lose the 40 seats Republicans are shooting for, but added:

"I think if we can hold the Republican gains down to reasonable extent that would be the most we should expect. If by some miracle we should hold even—I think it would be a great victory of the President, but . . . history is against us."

The party in power usually loses ground in off-year congressional elections.

O'Donnell said he did not think that Cuba is an effective issue for the Republicans in the campaign. The GOP has blamed Mr. Kennedy for permitting the Soviet Union to build up Cuba as a Communist base.